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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

CONGRESS IS INVESTIGATING CASE OF NEGRO SOLDIERS

THE FORAKER RESOLUTION

The Senator Seems Determined That the Colored Men Have a "Square Deal"--Death of Dr. Philip W. Ray at Brooklyn.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Since the publication of our last Review, history has been made rapidly with reference to the discharged soldiers of the 25th Infantry. Although Congress is scracely warm in its seat, the investigation of the affair may be said to be "in full swing" before the upper branch of our great legislative body. Senators Penrose and Foraker have resolutions up for action, calling on the President and the Secretary of War for full information touching the discharge and the disclosures brought forward by Gen. Garlington. The sincerity of Senator Penrose has been questioned by some very influential men of the race, but there is a feeling that eSnator Foraker is deadly in earnest, as his entire public record has shown him to be a friend of justice and equity, from which category the colored man has not been excluded. He is showing a sturdy determination, in this instance, to see that the colored soldiers get a "square deal." Senator Foraker's resolution is doubtless familiar to the public, but we venture to repeat it here in full:

THE FORAKER RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the Senate, That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby directed to furnish the Senate copies of all official letters, telegrams, reports, orders, etc., filed in the War Department in connection with the recent discharge of the enlisted men of Companies B, C and D, Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, together with a complete list of the men discharged, showing the record of each, the amount of retained pay (under Section 1281, Revised Statutes), if any, to the credit of each man at the time of his discharge; the ruling of the War Department, if any, has been made in this or any other similar case, as to the effect upon his right to such retained pay, and also the ruling of the War Department, if any has been made in this or any similar case, as to the effect of such discharge upon the right of an enlisted man to retire on three-quarters pay, with an allowance for subsistence and clothing (under Section 1260, of the Revised Statutes), and his right to enter a National Soldiers' Home; (under Section 4821, of the Revised Statutes), his right to be buried in a National cemetery under Section 4878, of the Revised Statutes), and his right to receive transportation and subsistence from place of discharge to his home, as provided for in Section 1290, of the Revised Statutes; also a complete official record of the Twenty-fifth Regiment, United States Infantry, from the time of its muster in to the date of the discharge of Companies B, C and D.

It is promised that Congressman William S. Bennet, of New York, will introduce a similar bill in the House.

This is quite comprehensive and drastic and brings the issue squarely before thhe country. In compliance with its provisions, the President will send to the Senate all the information in his possession, and then some sensational developments may be looked for. Mr. Roosevelt appears to be as anxious as any one else to have the matter thoroughly ventilated, and if he is found to be in the wrong, it is believed that he will go to the limit of his power to undo his error. A fair and impartial court martial in the first place would have obviated all this trouble.

The report and legal argument of Secretary Taft has tended to put something of a quietus on the popular clamor for an immediate revocation of the discharge order, as the statement, on its face, makes out a very plausible case against the enlisted men; yet, as everybody knows that the alleged facts upon which the good Secretary basis his argument are all derived from the ex parte statement of Inspector-General Garlington, the situation remains practically where it stood before the explanation of the War Department appeared in print. The report of Garlington is discredited by the colored people, because of his supposed hostility to colored soldiers in general, and complete satisfaction can not be had by the rank and file of the people until theh story of theh men themselves is given a full hhearing before a tribunal competent to dispose of the cases upon their merits—free from personal or sectional prejudice. Not until that is done, the incident can not be honorably closed. It is expected that the President will review the situation in a few days, and outline to the country the policy he intends to pursue. In all probability, he will "stand pat" upon the Garlington evidence (?), but will permit individual soldiers to produce testimony that may clear him from suspicion of having participated in the Brownsville riot, or of having knowledge of who the guilty parties are. That the President will handle the matter in person is indicated by the fact that when Sergeant Mingo Saunders and Private Elmer Brown filed with the Military Secretary their applications for reinstatement in the army, passed one of them up to Mr. Roosevelt, without comment. This action was taken in order that it may be authoritatively determined whether or not any of the men of the 25th Infantry, now under discharge orders, without honor, shall be re-enlisted, and if so, on what conditions. Here the situation rests for the present.

THE POLITICAL ASPECT OF THE CASE.

It is given out as the opinion of influential forces in congressional circles that the President is destined to meet with considerable opposition in certain quarters among the republican members of both Houses if he persists in allowing the order to stand, for the effect upon the Negro vote in the doubtful States will cut the party into pieces unless something is done to relieve the existing tension. A strong effort is pretty sure to be made to have him reverse himself voluntarily, after certain mitigating circumstances are adduced. Failing in that, the program of the friends of the soldiers is said to contemplate a reversal of the discharge order by legislation, or to neutralize its effect by some provision that will practically restore the battalion to the service. he outcome of the issue will, in all probability have a decided bearing upon the battle for the presidential nomination, and may be precipitated into the next national campaign. Little as may be said about it, none of the several candidates wishes to go into the race with any large percentage of the hitherto faithful black vote arrayed against them, for it is an open secret that in more than one important State, the Negroes hold the balance of power in a sharp contest. It is one of the cardinal policies of the republican party, in case of doubt, to stay upon the safe side and take no risks. Just how and why Senator Penrose "butted into" the deal is not quite clear, on the surface, but there is a sneaking suspicion that he has a trump or two concealed up his sleeve. The activity of Senator Foraker is not surprising, leaving out all question as to his sincere friendship for the Negro. His strenuous opposition to the rate bill during the last session, his caustic observations on theh administration's attitude touching the Atlanta riot, and his condemnation of the course of the President with reference to intervention in Cuba, gave ample reason to believe that he is ripe for revolt, and ready to assume the leadership of any aggressive line-up against the powers that be, with the possible hope of profiting from whatever anti-Roosevelt sentiment that may be engendered between now and the election of delegates to the next national convention in 1908. It is understood that Senator Foraker is a receptive, if not an avowed, candidate for the presidential nomination, and it is asserted by the knowing ones that if the fiery Ohioan can not land the Buckeye delegation for himself, he can so complicate matters that it will be impossible for Secretary Taft to go to the convention with his own State solidly behind him. In such a fight, the Negro vote would be a potential factor. Be that as it may, it is not for the Negro at this time to "look a gift horse in the mouth." In a crisis, when friends of any and every kind are sorely needed, it is not the part of wisdom to be particular as to where they hail from, nor what kind of an axe they have to grind for the future.

THE ISSUE BROADER THAN RACE.

Senator Foraker, on his own motion and at the suggestion of interested colored leaders, did well to disclaim any intent to base this investigation upon the race question. It can be readily seen that such a policy would aleniate much support that otherwise might be gained for it and the underlying principle governing the whole proceeding would be lost in a maze of partisan and class antipathies.

"My resolution," said Senator Foraker, "speaks for itself. I can not discuss it. I will say, however, that I have no purpose of resisting the race question. The question involved is broader. It would be unfortunate to have it narrawed by drawing a color line. It concerns white as well as colored soldiers. It is a question of constitutional and statutory rights on the other.

"Until we have a complete record I do not know just what questions will arise, but we may have to consider whether or not a man can be convicted of felony by order, and whether, following such a conviction, sentence may be imposed and punishment may be inflicted by order. Discharges without honor may be granted where they are not based on an offense against the law of the land, the commission of which is denied, and where no punishment follows; but where there is conviction, sentence, punishment, I have always supposed that there would also have to be a trial in a civil court, or before some other tribunal thereunto duly appointed by the law. But it is idle to discuss any of these questions until we know whether they are raised by the record."

THE CAP AND BELLS FOR SLAYDEN.

It has remained for Representative Slayden, a nobody from Texas, to play the comedy role in the House, and to makek himself ridiculous on the subject of the Negro in the army establishment. He has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the mustering out of all the Negro soldiers now in the service and to prevent further enlistments. The monstrosity that the relic of rebeldom proposes reads as follows:

"Provided, That on or before June 30, 1907, all enlisted men in the army who are Negroes or of Negro descent, shall be discharged from the service of the United States, and thereafter no Negro of person of Negro descent, shall be enlisted or appointed in the army of the United States."

Discussing his impossible measures, Slayden said:

"My bill speaks for itself. It was not introduced for buncombs. My purpose is to give the Congress an opportunity to purge the army of an admitedly dangerous element. The history of the 25th Infantry is filled with episodes not unlike the Brownsville affair. It has to its discredit a similar incident at Ft. Bliss, near El Paso, at Ringold, further down the Rio Grande, and I am told on good authority, was also violent in the vicinity of Fort Meade."

Other rumors of outbreaks by Negro soldiers were recalled, and it being suggested that the black soldiers were remarkably courageous as fighters, Slayden continued:

"To say that the Negroes are brave is not an argument against this measure. The Comanche and the Sioux Indians were as brave as men can be; but no one would seriously suggest that we ought to recruit regiments of them, and put guns in their hands and station them near communities of white people toward whom they entertain inherent race hostility. The 25th Infantry is manifestly imbued with that feeling and in the light of events are quite as dangerous as the Sioux or Comanche would be."

This is the sort of stuff that Slayden and Negro-haters of his ilk are circulating to the colored soldiers' detriment. It bears out the statement made in these columns that there would come an effort to oust the Negro entirely from the military establishment of the United States and that the Brownsville episode was being worked for all it was worth as an entering wedge to a foul and deep-laid conspiracy to that end. For the reason that we did not believe in playing into their hands and making their nefarious work easier, we warned the race not to take any stock in the advice of our more radical leaders that Negroes should henceforth decline to enlist in the army. We say enlist, by all means, and carry on the fignt for "a square deal" inside the ranks, if it takes many summers. Slayden's measure expresses the feeling of the South anent the Negro and an army rifle, but the bill will never become a law while decent Americans can muster a majority in the Congress of the United States.

TWO SIDES TO THE PICTURE.

While this anti-Negro junta is collecting evidence likely to prove detrimental to the standing of our men in the army, somebody might well be engaged in the examination and exposure of the thousands of depredations committed by white soldiers in various parts of the country and in Cuba and the Philippines that brought the worst kind of disgrace upon the uniform of the American army. From the few malodorous reports that have come to us, we can easily believe that a recital of the whole story would nauseate the most lenient judge who might be asked to review their record. Yet, they are not declared a menace—a dangerous element, etc., but treated according to their merits as individuals—rewarded as individuals and punished as such, as the occasion might arise. The Negro soldier is entitled to theh same treatment, and his friends in and out of Congress should insist that in the presentn crisis the men be tried individually, to be punished or exonerated as dependable evidence may show. The President has practically promised this, and the full strength of the leaders of the race should now be exerted to have a

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WHY TILLMAN DISCUSSES THE NEGRO

Could He Get Into the Senate by Advocating Any Other Question?

DEATH OF FLORA BATSON

THE FAMOUS QUEEN OF SONG GONE TO HER REWARD

GREAT FAVORITE WITH HER RACE

Sylvester Russell's Last Tribute to the Great Singer--A Woman of Rare Talent and Disposition Devoted to Those She Loved.

Philadelphia Special.—Flora Batson, the famous queen of song, the greatest female ballad singer of her race and time, once the rival of Black Patti (Sisseretta Jones) on the concert stage, and the most popular singer among the people of her own race ever known, died suddenly at her home in Philadelphia, Saturday, December 1st, after two hours' illness. One report is that she died of "convulsions of the brain" and another that she was taken with "acute indigestion."

Flora Batson was born in Washington, D. C. She was 46 years of age. Her mother moved to Providence, R. I., when Flora was a girl and brought her up and educated her in that city. As a natural born singer it was in the old—now historic—Meeting street A. M. E. church choir that Miss Batson first attracted attention. When Flora left the church choir for her first concert tour she was succeeded by Matilda Sisseretta Jones (now known as Black Patti), also the writer and Madam Marion Adams Harris as soloists in that church choir, but no singers ever seemed to take the place of Flora in the hearts of the people. Miss Batson was at least twice married.

Career of the Singer.

It wa searly in the eighties that J. C. Bergen, her second husband, a white man, who made his living by giving concerts for colored churches and offering prizes to the largest ticket sellers, fell in love at her feet and married her. Despite what happened in after years, it was a case of true love, for they were devoted to each other. One proof of this is, he bought his wife a sealskin sacque valued at $300 that covered her from head to foot. The Bergen concerts in which his wife, Flora Batson Bergen was the star, were always, for years after, the greatest social events in colored musical circles everywhere. Among some of the noted people who supported her were Madam Sisseretta Jones (Black Patti), her only rival; Madam Marie Selika, Nellie Brown Mitchell, Adelaide C. Smith-Terry, Bessie Lee, Carrie Melvin Lucas, Edmorah Nahr, Sam Lucas, Harry T. Burleigh, Lloyd A. Gibbs, Will Marion Cooke, Sidney Woodward, W. I. Powell, and the pianists, Madam Montgomery and Georgia Wilson. During these tours there was a feeling existing between Flora's mother and Mr. Bergen, which was not race prejudice, nor was general prejudice toward Flora very great, for the people of her race soon forgave her for marrying a white man, so great was their love for her on account of her sweet disposition; for Flora Batson was the sweetest woman of her race I ever knew on the professional stage. It was this sweet disposition and ever confiding spirit that robbed her of her fortune. That aroused the anxiety of her mother because Flora had entrusted lal her earnings to her white husband's care. Her mother was naturally cold toward him, knowing he had a living son in the West to support. On one of their tours to the Pacific coast it is said that on her arrival in Europe she was presented and sang before the Queen, but this knowledge can now never be affirmed or denied. It was on their return to Philadelphia that the people of that city secured a crown and crowned her "queen of song." For years she wore this crown in her concerts as a token of distinction.

The one opportunity of Miss Batson's career where Mr. Bergen missed the mark was when efforts were made to engage Flora to be the star of the first gigantic jubilee and cake-walk given at Madison Square Garden, New York city, early in the nineties. In some unknown way Dick Jones, former husband of Black Patti, who had just returned from a tour of the West Indies, jumped in and secured the engagement. It was on this oc-

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The Black Soldiers.

The dark American, the sturdy black man,
Will fight and will die for his old Uncle Sam;
To cross the wide ocean, to charge through a lane,
He readily answers when called by his name.

Devoted and true to the Star-spangled Flag,
When ordered to do, he does, and don't lag,
And in spite of all hatred, injustice and scorn,
He cheerfully upholds the blue uniform.

Placed on guard in valleys, on hills, on high mountains,
Until called or relieved at his post he remains;
And when charging the foe on a red battle field
His American heart is just as true as steel.

In all the arguments of sturdy old Sam
He was there, and behaved like a true, gallant man;
He fought and he bled at old Bunker's Hill,
He charged and he led at San Juan's Hill.

Some day this Republic of George Washington,
Impressed by the deeds of her dark-colored son,
Will do justice to Ham the same as to John.

This great Nation, I say, free, grateful and true,
As true as the banner is red, white and blue,
Will give to her black son the rights that are due.

'Tis human to be rash, it is human to err,
But God, in His wisdom, with man will differ.

—Clovis Galland, New Orleans.

The Freeman Would Like to See.

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Charles Warren Fairbanks and David R. Francis on a presidential "tryout."

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Our society women to refrain from race track gambling and policy playing.

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Character and ability more frequently united in the same individual.

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The conversion of Editor W. Calvin Chase and Dr. Charles S. Morris "stay put."

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Organic union of the A. M. E., the A. M. E. Zion and the C. M. E. churches.

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Prof. W. H. Richards named as general secretary of the Niagara Movement.

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More newspapers in the country of the breadth and patriotism of the New York Evening Post.

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A suitable monument to mak the last resting place of Paul Lawrence Dunbar at Dayton, O.

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An itemized statement of the benefits accruing to the black man from our high protective tariff.

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Judicious insistence upon full-fledged citizenship for the Negro in every section of the land.

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What were the white officers of the 25th doing on the night of the alleged riot at Brownsville, Texas?

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The colored end of the Jamestown Exposition not so much a Jackson affair, but the concern of the entire race.

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Another colored man nominated for the Sivas, Turkey, consulship, since James G. Carter is to go elsewhere.

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Prof. Jesse Lawson trotting in double harness with Bishop Alexander Walters and the Afro-American Council.

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William Jennings Bryan repudiate the "white man's government" plank espoused by John T. Morgan as Democratic doctrine.

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If General Garlington realizes how dangerous it is to stand on thin ice, with the fires of race prejudice burning beneath it.

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Everybody drop a line to the White House remonstrating against the punishment of innocent members of the gallant 25th Infantry.

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Law and order leagues multiply in the Southern States, where our population is inclined to disregard their obligations as citizens.

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Judge F. L. Barnett stick to 'em until he lands the thieves in jail who counted him out of what he had honestly won at the polls.

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The best whites and the best blacks standing firmly together for law and order, and for the suppression of crime within their respective fold.

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Doctors, lawyers, and even editors, who lay claim to equality with their white brethren, keep their offices neat, clean and properly equipped for the transaction of business.

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The best grade of young Negroes offer themselves for enlistment in the army after this storm has been quieted by the proper acts of justice.

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Reporters "cut out" the "Mrs. Dr." "Mrs. Bishop" and "Mrs. Rev." nonsense in referring to the wives of doctors, bishops and ministers.

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Gay and winsome widows stop making eyes at all of the eligible young men and give the "buds" a chance to get a cut out of the matrimonial melon.

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Ben Tillman substantiate his charge that Booker T. Washington is a candidate for political office by pointing out he place in the federal service to which he aspires.

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Jackleg preachers, self-constituted race leaders, cheap political bosses, hide-bound partisans and fakirs who expect to "get by" without work, relegated to the extreme rear.

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That sterling actress and reader, Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, at the head of a first-class dramatic company, with that eminent tragedian, R. Henri Strange as leading man.

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That eminent scholar, Archibald H. Grimke, at the head of a great race journal, with carte blanche to say what he thinks ought to be said for the protection of the Negro people.

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The religious denominations keep in touch with Dr. William Jenifer, to the end that he may miss nobody in his collection of statitstics covering the Negro churches of the country.

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Sensible women choose the company of self-respecting, industrious and ambitious men in preference to showy idlers, who "borrow" their money and laugh at them for being "soft."

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Parents, visit the schools more frequently, and take note at first hand of what the teachers are doing with their children—and incidentally, see what their children are doing to their teachers.

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Intelligent Negroes make a practice of framing up their own tickets from the candidates that believe in "a square deal for every man," and mercilessly scratching those who would reduce us to the status of serfs.

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Our supposedly-cultured young society ladies refrain from the reprehensible habit og gaping and yawning in public, and avoid the variety of laughter that stretches their pretty mouths wide enough to delight a specialist in back-teeth and tonsils.

SOME RECENT EVENTS

At the recent national convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, held at Hartford, Conn., one of the speakers who attracted a large measure of attention was Mrs. Lucy of the National Association of Colored Women. She spoke instructively on "Temperance Work Among the Colored People," and told of the splendid progress she and her associates were making in lessening the ravages of strong drink among the classes too ignorant to know of its baleful effect, or too weak to resist the temptation to indulge. Mrs. Thurman has traveled extensively in the South, and took great pleasure in saying that many of the children of the race, employed in the tobacco culture and manufacture and steeped in the fumes of the weed, are breaking away from the habit through the influence of the W. C. T. U. She never had occasion to present resolutions to a W. C. T. U. convention protest-because she knew that the heart of the great organization beat sympathetically for the peoples of all nations. She related some of her trying experiences during racial outbreaks at various points in the South, and while not minimizing the discouragements growing out of the intense color prejudice that poisons the atmosphere and negatives Christianity, she attributed the major portion of the trouble at Atlanta, Mobile and other places where the sawy of the rioter has been felt, to the over-indulgence in intoxicating liquors, and warned her race to shun it as they would a viper. Mrs. Thurman is one of the most convincing temperance advocates in the country and her speeches before the annual conventions are always listened to with the deepest respect, and her presence is a genuine inspiration to the noble women who cheerfully acknowledge her as a sister and exemplary co-worker.

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The trustees of Tuskegee Institute evinced excellent judgment in adding Mr. Warren Logan, the school's faithful treasurer, to the Committee on Investment of the Endowment Fund. He is associated in this very particular work with Messrs. Robert C. Ogden, George Foster Peabody, J. G. Phelps Stokes, Paul M. Warburg and ex-Mayor Seth Low—all well-known figures, known throughout the country for their wealth, philanthropic instincts and broad culture—and he is eminently worthy of a seat in such excellent company. From the inception of the Tuskegee idea and the earliest beginnings of that famous institution, Mr. Logan has been as Dr. Washington's right hand, and his wise counsel, constant encouragement and unflagging zeal, covering the entire quarter of a century that the school has been developing toward its present lofty standard, have made him an indispensable factor in the monumental success that has been achieved. Mr. Logan is not a showy man. He lives in deeds, rather than in words or on "dress parade." Setrling integrity, absolute honesty in every transaction, and solid qualities of head and heart, have constituted the elements that have indelibly stamped his personality upon the immense beehive of industry to which he has given the best years of his splendid manhood. No one more cheerfully divides honors with Mr. Logan than Principal Washington himself.

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St. Mark's School at Birmingham is doing an excellent work in widening the sphere of the influence of the Episcopal Church among the colored people of Alabama. The effective labors of Mrs. Sadie Beach DeVigne, a vital force in the faculty of this worthy institution, are evoking many warm expressions of approval at the hands of the people of the vicinity, regardless of denominational lines. Mrs DeVigne is an educator who puts her whole soul into the work, making the question of hours and compensation a secondary consideration. The first question that presents itself to her consecrated mind is not how much can she get out of the school, but how much can she put into it. Only such are worthy the sacred name of "teacher."

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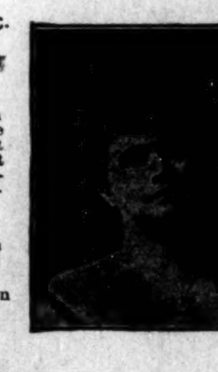

IN THE WORLD OF

SPORT

BY JOHN L. FOOTSLUG

Nelson and Gans May Fight.

Last week news was given out that Joe Gans had met "Tex." Rickard and stated that he would fight Battling Nelson under one condition, and that would be that in case Nolan severed his connection as manager of Battling Nelson, and agreed to fight on equal terms for a purse of $30,000, which "Tex." Rickard offers for a Gans-Nelson match. It is very evident that Nelson will let go of Nolan if that be all that is desired in giving him another fight with Champion Gans. But Nolan comes out with a statement to the effect that he is, as ever, safe as Nelson's manager, and this may cause a great hitch in arranging a fight between the two great fighters. He is quoted as having made the following statement:

"If the match is ever fought the same weight as the men scaled at their last engagement will prevail. Gans can make that notch easily in that dry, high altitude. As an evidence Nelson scaled 128 easily there, while it would be life and death to have him make it on the sea level. Gans must be given credit for being a shrewd proposition. He has been claiming since the battle that he had such a hard time making the weight. The truth, and positive truth, is that Joe Gans did not even take a run on the road for two days before the battle. I will take my oath to this fact, for I had a man at his quarters for his last week of training, who did nothing else but tab the colored man's movements. Knowing that a fighter trained like this the last few days of his training, can any one familiar with the game give credence to the report that it was a difficulty to make the light-weight limit. Gans, realizing the coming encounter, is trying to get a price against himself by again claiming to have to accept Nolan's terms—that oft-repeated cry that was raised so often.

"Now, a word to some of those who have been on the other side of the fence, criticising my actions in reference to match-making: What I have done in the past I will do again, and try to obtain for Nelson every little advantage I can get, the same as the real estate dealer, who will try to get as much for his property as he can. When Nelson battles it is for a purse that amounts to a great deal of money, and the same amount of care must be exercised to get the big end of it as in any other business. I don't wish any one to be misinformed. Nelson is in the business for the coin. The sport end of it comes after the money, and the bigger the end Nelson receives my bank roll is also enlarged, and why should I not try to get all I can? Do you know any one that would not?"

Now, if such be the case, and Nelson is willing to stand for it, then it must be conceded that there will be no fight between Gans and Nelson. "Tex." Rickard says that undoubtedly there will be no fight in Nevada between Gans and Nelson if Billy Nolan is to manage Nelson, so it can be seen that Nolan can do all the blowing that he may see fit, but it will not cause Rickard or Gans to yield unless he jumps out of Nelson's way.

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Mellody Real Champion.

Honey Mellody in his last fight demonstrated the fact that he is the real champion of the world in the welter-weight class, and it can not be denied. Billy beat Joe several months ago, but at that time, although Walcott still claimed he was the rightful holder of the title, Lightweight Champion Joe Gans was the acknowledged champion by virtue of his two defeats of Mike (Twin) Sullivan. Sullivan defeated Jimmy Gardner for the title and lost it to Gans.

When Gans relinquished the title a short while ago he said he considered Joe Thomas the best welter in the country, but as Jie is rapidly growing into a middle-weight, he can not be considered in the running. There can not be any reverting a title to the man who last was defeated by a champiin, so Mike really has no claim. If such was the case then Fitzsimmons would have been the heavy-weight champion after Jeffries retired, and Jack O'Brien, because he defeated Fitzsimmons, would be the heavy-weight champion instead of Tommy Burns.

Walcott, because of his retirement of nearly two years, had no claim on the honor, and, if he had, his defeat at the hands of Mellody would make Billy the rightful heir. It is a badly mixed up championship, to say the least. Mellody's next oppinent, it is stated, will be Billy Rhodes, the Westerner who recently held Walcott to a twenty-round draw. Billy may not be as interesting a fighter in action as is Mellody, but he is a hard man to lick and may prove a troublesome customer. Billy and Joe fought at 142 pounds, so there would be no dispute regarding the winner's claim to the championship. He outfought and outgeneraled Walcott in nearly every round and made Joe cry enough in round twelve.

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Dispute Over Weight

There seems to be an impression among sporting men who are not thoroughly acquainted with the conditions surrounding the signing of articles for the Gans-Herman contest that Gans is going ti come in overweight and forfeit $2,000 out of his end of the purse.

This impression is erroneous, as it is a settled fact that Gans must make the required weight (133 two hours before the contest opens) or there will be no fight. This is the ultimatum issued by Manager Nate Lewis, with the sanction of Kid Herman, and he has the proper backing with which to make such a stand.

The peculiar clause in the articles in regard to the making of weight and the forfeit to the club of $5,000 by each of the fighters in case of non-appearance contains more than one "nigger in the wood pile." When the first press dispatches went out after the signing of the articles it was thought that Gans had the privilege of appearing overweight and that Herman would have to fight. This is not entirely correct.

The fact was overlooked that, should Herman refuse to fight Gans at overweight, the Casino Athletic Club will claim not only the $5,000 forfeit money belinging to the Kid, but will also collect the $5,000 which has been deposited by the champion for appearance.

With these facts before one it is easy to see that Gans must meet the required weight or he will be out $5,000. Of course, Herman will be out a like amount also, but the Chicago lad and his manager are ready to forfeit this amount rather than give the champion all the best of it.

The articles were so drawn practically by cimpulsion of the club, as Manager Riley refused to agree to anything but that each fighter forfeit $5,000 in case there is no fight. Riley would not agree to one fighter drawing down his appearance money in case he was ready to go on and his opponent refuse to fight, but insisted that the club be given both appearance forfeits in case either man failed to fight. It was this point that furnished food for hours of discussion and which was agreed to by Selig and Lewis only after it was seen that there could be no fight unless Riley had his way.

When this piint was settled the matter of weight forfeit was taken up by the fighters' managers, and the $2,000 forfeit clause was inserted in the articles, it being stipulated that the forfeit should come from the overweight's end of the purse. As far as it goes this clause might just as well have been left out on account of the stand the Herman camp has taken.

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Tommy Burns as He Appears.

Tommy Burns is rather a peculiar built man for an athlete. He si of the short, stumpy order, but apparently can fight at long range as well, if not better, than many of the taller heavy-weights of today. Bob Edgren has this tosay about Burns:

"This Burns, for his weight, is something of a freak in the fighting line. He is short enough for a good welter, yet he has the reach of a tall heavy-weight. Burns stands 5 feet 7 inches in his socks. His reach is 74½ inches. Think of that. The normal man's reach is exactly the same as his height. Burns's height is 67 inches. His reach is 7½ inches greater.

"This freak of nature is more striking when Burns's reach is compared with that of other heavy-weights. Jim Corbett stands 6 feet 2 inches. Jim's reach is exactly 72 inches, 2½ inches less than this dumpy little Burns can boast. Bob Fitzsimmons has a reach of 75½ inches. Jeffries and Ruhlin have the largest in the profession—76 inches — only 1½ inches more than Burns. Both Ruhlin and Jeffries are 7 inches taller than Burns.

"These arms give Burns a great advantage over other fighters of the same weight. He is short and hard to reach, while at the same time he sticks that long left arm out and jabs like any of the big fellows."

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Larry Temple to Fight.

Larry Temple, the colored middle-weight, who has not been in the limelight for some time, has returned to fight Joe Grim for twelve rounds at Homestead, Pa., in the near future. A purse of $1,000 has been hung up, which they will split 75 per cent. to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser.

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The fight between Hugo Kelly and Mike (Twin) Sullivan for the middle-weight championship will go to Los Angeles. Sylvi Ferretti says he is willing to sign the articles if the officials will agree to New Year's day.

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Billy Delaney, manager of Al. Kaufman, the big heavy-weight, who was present at the O'Brien-Burns bout, claims that the decision of a draw rendered by Jim Jeffries was an injustice to O'Brien. He says that Burns repeatedly fouled O'Brien and that if a professional referee had been judging the contest Burns would surely have been disqualified for his foul tactics. Delaney says he will match Kaufman against Burns at any time.

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL IN LOUISVILLE

Central High School Defeats Sumner High SchOol of St. Louis, and Wins Championship of Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky.—Special. — More than 1,500 enthusiastic people saw Sumner High School, of St. Louis, and Central High School, of Louisville, battle in the latter city on Thanksgiving day for the football championship of Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky on the Dusty Rhodes gridiron. The day was ideal—clear and cool—and everybody went out to have a good time—and had it. The grand stand was filled with the beauty and culture of the Blue Grass State—famous for its handsome women—and the profusion of the yellow and black of Central, interspersed liberally with the red and white of Sumner, produced a color scheme that was bewildering in its gorgeousness. A highly entertaining feature of the day was the singing by the Central girls of catchy parodies on the popular songs of the season, including Williams and Walker's "Let It Alone," "Build a Nest for Birdie" and "The Isle of By and By," adapted to words descriptive of the prowess of the eleven of their beloved school.

On the field the teams were pretty evenly matched, Sumner having possibly a little the better of it in weight, but Central more than made up for this advantage in superior speed, as the progress of the game indicated. There were no trick plays. The game was clean throughout. The sensation of the contest was the magnificent work of Hays of the Centrals, who kicked goal in bot halves and made several brilliant and daring plays around Sumner's ends for long leads and touch-downs. After the game he was "the toast of the town," and came in for due recognition at the hands of his admiring comrades. The star playing of Davis, Pickens and Hopkins of Central, and of McElroy, Freeman and Marshall, of Sumner, was also greeted with hearty plaudits. Central has played Russell of Lexington and Pearl of Nashville, in addition to Sumner of St. Louis, and has not lost a game during the season.

The final score here was 12 to 0, in favor of Central, but the failure of the visiting team to score does not in any way indicate the strong showing they made on the gridiron, holding Central back time after time, despite the desperate bucking and determined rushes of the latter. They made the locals earn everything they got. The line-up:

Central.	Positions.	Sumner.
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Taylor	Left tackle	Walton
Depp	Left guard	Moore
Hopkins	Center	Burges
Black	Right guard	Wiggins
Cecil	Right tackle	Todd
Grigsby	Right end	Graham
Eubanks	Quarter	Freeman
Hays	Left half	Holliday
Pickens	Right half	Marshall
Davis	Full back	McElroy

Umpire and referee—J. Raymond Harris, Central, and W. H. Hoffman, Sumner, alternating. Time-keeper—Dr. Robert Adams. Linesman—Cary B. Lewis.

There were a number of enjoyable social functions tendered at various places by the students of Central in honor of the visitors, and the St. Louis contingent returned to their homes loud in their praises of the Kentucky hospitality that was handed out to them with a prodigality that has become proverbial in this region.

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The President's Message.

The President's annual message to the Congress is a distinctively "Roosevelitan" production. It is unusually lengthy, remarkably comprehensive in the number and variety of topics discussed, and, besides giving the stereotyped information touching the condition and needs of the Departments, it moralizes in philosophic strain over many public issues that are ethical, rather than subjects for legislation.

Thhe most interesting portion, of course, from our point of view, is that which deals with the race problem. The paragraph on lynching is well-tempered and goes to the root of the Nation's monstrous evil with a vim that suggests an earnest desire to promote a higher order of civilization in the localities where mob rule is most prevalent. It is the general feeling, however, that in speaking of the Negro as a race especially prone to the crime of rape, the President conceded too much to those who habitually place this charge at the door of the Negro for the purpose of discrediting the race in the eyes of its Northern friends, and yet offer no proof of guilt beyond the intentionally misleading Associated Press dispatches. While the truth is doubtless bad enough—worse than it ought to be—the reports sent out from various districts in the South describing alleged assaults upon women, said to have been perpetrated by Negroes, are too grossly exaggerated to find lodgment in the minds of the unbiased. We can not bring ourselves to believe that one-third of these alleged outrages are true, and while granting to the President the best intentions in the discussion of the lynching evil, he, inadvertently perhaps, appears to accept as a fact that which those on the ground know to be fiction. No self-respecting colored man will shield a criminal of any type, much less a rape-fiend—but we can not, with justice to ourselves, give credence to the absurd stories of the Negro's bestiality with which the sensational newspapers daily regale their readers.

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It is manifestly unfair for those who lecture us upon morals and manners to assume at the outset that we are guilty of all the atrocities charged against us by malicious enemies. The worthy Negro, notwithstanding, will accept the President's well-meant advice on law and order and decency in the spirit that it is offered, and will leave no stone unturned to bring about a betterment of conditions all along the line.

The suggestion as to the necessity for better educational facilities for the Negro—better school houses, longer terms, and more capable teachers—is much to the point, and should be given earnest attention and speedily crystalized into remedial legislation. The emphatic disaproval of the proposition to parcel out the taxes collected from the two races, deals a crushing blow to the scheme that menaces the entire school system of the South, as far as our children are concerned. To technical and industrial education, for both blacks and whites, he pays a just tribute, as the call for the men who can "do things" in this strenuous and exacting age, is as insistent in the one race as in the other. He does not minimize the importance of the classics for either, but very properly lays stress upon the practical because its sessntial character is less understood and appreciated by certain doctrinaries and vissionary faddists. Tuskegee and Hampton richly merit the enconiums which he so cordinally extends. Their value to the well-rounded development of the race can not be overestimated.

Perhaps more heartily than all else, we recommend President Roosevelt's square-toed stand for the enlargement of the power of the Federal Government. He recognizes the trend toward centralization in the nterprises that make for commercial grandeur, and is far-sighted enough to perceive that our expanding nation can not longer be kept in the swaddling clothes of a primitive state sovereignty policy. Only a strong central authority can curb the license that loosely-joined states are unable or unwilling to subdue, either as to the despoliation of civic rights or the greed of corporations. Increased power for the federal government means a protection to our people that can come from no other source. We can trust the Nation, but we have little faith in the disposition of certain states to abide by the lofty principles set forth in the Federal Constitution. While sympathizing deeply with the President's desire to do what he can to improve the condition of the Japanese who have come to find a home upon our shores, the millions of black Americans, robbed of their suffrage, discriminated against on the railroads and places of public accommodation and lynched in definance of the law—would have felt some real enthusiasm had he asked for enlarged federal jurisdiction with a view of protecting our lives, liberty and property by the invinsible arm of the federal government at Washington. Something must be done by the action to check these brutal outrages, fostered by the Tillmans, Vardamans and Davises, or dreadful consequences are sure to follow. The trend toward a broader federal authority offers encouragement, and we are hopeful that great good will ultimately grow out of this particular phase of the world's most progressive century.

The message as a whole is admirable in tone and American to the last degree. It is unconventional, but rational in letter and spirit. If the present Congress will give heed to one-half of the many wise recommendations which Mr. Roosevelt submits for its guidance, the Republic will have many reasons to be thankful.

As To "Packing" The Supreme Court.

The organ of the 'State Rights" of the South are insinuating that President Roosevelt is planning to "pack the Supreme Court' with justices who will uphold his federalistic policies, Well, why wouldn't a chief executive who believes the nation to be a bigger institution than a State give preference to men who believe as he does when vacancies occur in our court of last resort? Would any sane President place men upon the Supreme Bench wrom he knew to be diametrically opposed to his conception of the rights and duties of the General Government, and who would be certain to overthrow the legislation which he deemed essential to the highest welfare of the people?

This is a nation—not a mere federation of loosely-joined sovereign States. That notion of things is away out of date. The civil war sounded the death-knell of the South's pet hobby of States' Rights, as opposed to the reasonable exercise of the federal authority at Washington. The new times demand centralization in every department of activity—commercial, industrial and social. Governments that keep abreast of their leaders of thought and captains of industry must not retard the natural trend of events by clinging to tradition founded on nothing more substantial than loacl prejudices and assumption of racial superiority. It is noticeable that the South never invokes its little States' sovereignty rabbit's foot except when it wishes to invade the Constitutional rights of the black citizen within its borders and wants no interference from the strong arm of the supreme law of the land. The South fears that it will be made to suffer the just penalty for its contempt of the national compact if the autonomy of the State is not maintained. With federal intervention an established principle, the South knows it can no longer do the Negro as they please.

If President Roosevelt's plan is to "pack" the Supreme Court with friends of civil equality like Harlan and Moody, who are Americans of the broad type to permit such a flimsy thing as a State boundary to estop the nation's machinery of justice, we say "Amen!" a thousand times over.

We want the centralization giant to pitch the State's' Rights pigmy into the governmental scrap-pile. It belongs to the dark days of slavery and has no place in the economy of our enlightened civilization.

If anybody took Ben Tillman's ravings in serious vein, he would be impeached for his anarchistic yell, "To hell with the law!" The fact that a United States Senator and a law-maker, solemnly sworn to support the Constitution, is allowed to parade such revolutionary braggadoes in the face of the people, without being taken seriously, is one of the unsolved mysteries of the times. Herr Most and Emma Goldman, in their palmiest days, were not more dangerous to peace and order than th siculinvii peace and order than this uncivilized ruffian who—we hope—misrepresents the State of South Carolina. Tillman should be suppressed!

The Rev. Jay Albert Johnson is said to have supreme contempt for the influence of Negro newspa pers and is quoted as saying that the entire craft put together could not so much as touch the hem of a preacher's garment to inflict any serious damage, no matter what the provocation might be; and, furthermore, that he did not care a picayune what any of them said in criticism of any act or utterance of his. If these are not the sentiments of the "reverend gentleman," it is up to him to deny that he made the aforesaid statement or that he entertains any such views respecting Negro newspapers.

The "old-time Negro" can go around with "mitt" extended, eternally looking for somebody to "hand him something;" but the young Negro of this educated generation must buckle down to work for his means of "getting by." Given a man's chance, there is no reason why the black man should not be willing and able to stand upon his own feet, as other races are compelled to do.

People who start a "rough house," ought not to kick when they get a lemon handed to them. They invariably get the worst of it. An impartial investigation will show that the whites provoded the Negro troopers to retaliation at Brownsville.

The republican majority in the Indiana House of Representatives ought to be able to elect its Speaker without any interference from the Governor. The impression grows that J. Frank Hanly is a reformer of the "grand-stand" variety.

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Nobody except the fire-brands of the South wants to undergo the tortures of a "race-against-race" presidential campaign. John T. Morgan is old enough to know better than his latest interview indicates.

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speedy investigation that will bring out the whole truth, let it help or injure whom it may.

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Among other important matters of interest to the black man especially, to be considered by this session of Congress, are: (1) The suffrage problem in the South—reduction of representation or enforcement of the 15th amendment. (2) An amendment to the railroad rate bill that will entitle the Negro inter-state passenger to equal accommodations with all other passengers for the same amount of money. (3) Removal of the disabilities of the soldiers of the 25th Infantry accused of participation in riot at Brownsville. The "loby" at Washington to push these measures will be in charge of Correspondinf Secretary L. G. Jordan, of the Afro-American Council, assisted by Prof. Kelley Miller, secretary of the Executive Committee.

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And now the claim is made that Major Penrose did not say those good things about thhe colored battalion of the 25th! Perhaps this offsets the report that Col. Pitcher did not say those bad things.

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It is encouraging to note that the Negro is "finding himself" in a commercial way, in spite of the disadvantages that are thrown in his path. New York is to be the scene of the race's next notable business exploint. The buildings at thhe corner of 8th avenue and 46th street west, known as 750 and 752 8th avenue, have been bought by the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company, a corporation controlled by Negroes, which will open a department store there about the first of May. A banking institution will also be established in connection with the enterprise. With the exception of a store in Plainfield, N. J., it is said that this will be the first project of the kind ever undertaken in the North, although thhe company has large establishments in Baltimore and Savannah. The opening of this department store will give employment to a large number of colored men and women.

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The Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company is capitalized at $1,000,000. Its president is P. Sheridan Ball, and its treasurer, J. H. Atkin, are both graduates of Hampton Institute. The stockholders in the concern are said to number about 6,000, and to include many of the best-known men of the Negro race in almost every section of the country. These people are undertaking the solution of the race problem in the really practicable way. The foundation of racial stability must be laid in business and finance.

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Dr. Philip W. Ray, the oldest living druggist in the State of New York, engaged in the business for fifty-three years in the city of Brooklyn, is dead at the age of eighty-two. He was the founder of the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy and was one of the vestrymen of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, Manhattan, and father-in-law of Rev. O. M. Waller.

An announcement comes from Philadelphia that a strong Afro-American daily paper is to be launched in the nenar future. The projector is that veteran journalist, experienced publicist and all around race leader, Mr. Chris. J. Perry, for a quarter of a century editor and proprietor of the Philadelphia Tribune, one of the standard organs of the people of the entire country. Mr. Perry is entirely competent to carry out such a stupendous idea. He has the brains, the capital, the energy, the courage and the mechanical facilities to make it a "go"—if a daily can be made a "go" anywhere in this land. He says he can start with a clientage of not less than 8,000. That the Negro needs a daily—and needs it bad—goes without the saying. Events are happening with such rapidity in this strenuous age, that the weekly, however able, is too slow to keep up with things. The neemies of the race talk every day from their journalistic forum; we must do likewise, if we expect to keep them from annihilating us beneath the wheels of their juggernaut of "white supremacy." Let the daily come on.

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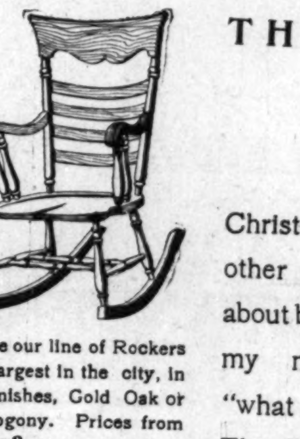

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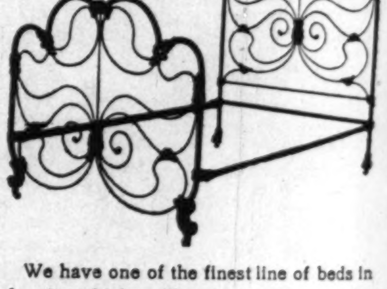

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In memory of Mr. Samuel Elliott who departed this life 1 year ago Deaember 9, 1905. By his death we lost a devoted husband and father and the vacancy he left can never be filled. Words cannot express how we miss him. Yet we know he sleeps that blessed sleep that we all must sooner or later sleep. And where there will be no parting. "Peace be to his ashes."

Mrs. Samuel Elliott and Daughters.

The Stage

Miss Odie Bransford, who has been traveling with the Nashville Students, has closed and returned to Indianapolis last week.

Black and Jones joined the Elks' Lodge at St. Paul and witnessed the "making" of several members of the Smart Set. Regards to friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, members of the profession, are visiting in Indianapolis. Mrs. Simmons was formerly Madame Terry, well known in musical circles.

Terrye's U. T. C. Company is now in Oklahoma Territory playing to good business every night. Our manager, W. G. Dickey, said that we will go to the coast and back. The Beechums—Blanche and Charles—have written for a new act. J. W. Beecher sends regards to Al Edwards, with the "Rufus Rastus" company. Joe Perkins, our tenor singer, saids Charlie Mimms write. Miss Tillie Shelton is singing "You'll Wish Me Back Some Day" with a big hit. Mrs. Alice Edwards sends regards to friends with "The Hottest Coon in Dixie."

The company this week at the Exchange Theater, Jacksonville, Fla., in the spectacular production of "Sporting Life," is doing remarkably well. The play is staged by Prof. J. M. Robinson, Jr., and Dan Robertson. Fred Bonny in the role of George Washington, a colored farmer, is doing "putty tolerable, thankee." Millie Williams, as Madge, is doing justice to her role, as is also Lillian Brown as Rosa. Wm. H. Henderson and Jos. Locust, as Joe Gans and Battling Nelson, are doing a very neat three-round bout, with Jas. Burgess and "Little Willie" as seconds and Rich Simmons as referee. The company as a whole is a good one. Rich Simmons desires to hear from friends.

The Clarks—Eugene and Joe—have returned home from the great Van Amberg shows, which closed its season last Saturday, December 2, at Houston, Tex., and all members of the band and minstrels went home. Miss Lena was so much pleased with that country that she remained there in the hands of Mr. Will Herelett and she is missed very much in Louisville. On our way home the company had the pleasure of meeting Billy Kersands' Minstrels and the entire company was glad to see the Clarks, so we had a fine time at Memphis, Tenn. Most of the company were entertained at the Keystone Cafe, of which Will Stewart is proprietor. We also met Sim T. Sayon. Regards to all friends.

Frank Mahara's Minstrels are still in the land of the sunflower, Kansas, and business has been up to the standard. The people are all well, except Jack Watkins, our tenor, who isn't serious, but has been ailing for a fortnight. Our first part continues to make the audience scream nightly, with such people as the following: John Pamplin, gun juggler, followed by Bill Bostwick singing "I'll Be Back in a Minute, But I've Got to Go Now," Arthur Moss, lyric tenor, singing "Away Down East" and "Starlight," H. Q. Clark, "The Preacher and the Bear," and the Verna Quartet, a sure four-encore getter, namely, Moss, Watkins, Edwards and Frye, in "Nobody," by Ed. Frye, and a series of characterizations by Le Roy Bland and the managers tell our manager why the show is great. But what's the "diff?"

New York City Notes.

The Kratons are at Tony Pastor's theater this week.

Thomas and Payne are on the bill this week at Proctor & Keith's 58th street house.

Harry Reed is with Archer's Filipino Girls. They are playing at Schenectady, N. Y., this week.

Maceo and Fox are doing very nicely over the Proctor-Keith circuit. They were at the 125th street house last week.

Murphy and Francis left Sunday for Washington, D. C., where they opened Monday at Chase's Theater for the week.

Little Ethel Dabney and Sadie Chapman were a big hit last week at Hammerstein's Theater, with Lenora Thurber, a white woman.

Cooper and Robinson are over in Brooklyn this week at Hyde & Behman's and it is hardly necessary to say that they are making good.

Baby Ruth Allen appeared on the bill at the entertainment given for the poor children at the colored Orphans' Home on Thanksgiving day.

Ernest Hogan and his clever bunch of entertainers have begun a two weeks' engagement in Brooklyn—one week at the Majestic and the other at the Folly Theater.

Jos. Moore's New Orleans Minstrels are in their fifth week at Huber's Fourteenth Street Museum. Musical Ray, Lulu Stanley and Smith and La Rose are the headliners.

Misses Alice Gray and Marie Willis are enjoying their stay at home this season. Matinees and bargain counters are their hobby. They send regards to friends.

Chris. Smith and the Johnsons are filling a successful week's engagement at Keeney's Theater, Brooklyn. Mr. Johnson states that their act is one of the really big things of the bill.

One of the best song hits of the season, "I Wonder How the Old Folks Are at Home," by H. C. Creamer and Tom Lemonier, is being sung with success by Marion Bolden, the popular balladist.

Abbie Mitchell and her Tennessee Students, an act similar to the one presented here last season by Ernest Hogan, met with a good reception last week at Hammerstein's Victoria Theater. Miss Mitchell's singing and the dancing of the boys received rounds of applause.

The following Negro performers were on bills Sunday night: Bailey and Fletcher, at the Metropolis; the Three Musical Spillers, at the Circle; Chris. Smith and the Johnsons, at the Dewey; Jos. Moore's New Orleans Minstrels, at Huber's, and the Dixie Serenaders, at the Gotham.

Leon Williams and his Dixie Serenaders arrived in the city last week and report a successful tour of the principal big cities of the West and Canada. The Serenaders are composed of the following well known performers: Walter Gray, Pauline Freeman, Cecil Reese, George Bennett, Charles Williams and Leon Williams.

Theodore Drury's Opera Company, which had been playing to good business in the New England States for the past three weeks, met with a very serious accident on Saturday, December 1, at Bereault, Vt. Owing to a misplaced switch the train was wrecked and several passengers killed. Among the members of the company injured were Theodore Drury, Henry Jackson, Oscar Jenkins, Richard N. Brooks, Carrie Francis, Billy Ritchie, Wm. Scudder and M. G. VanHouten, the above named members' injuries being so serious the company was compelled to disband. Latest reports are that they are all in hospitals.

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Foreign Items.

Billy Farrell has opened over the Stoll circuit.

The Brittons—Joe and Sadie—are a big hit at the Empire, London.

Dan and Minnie Washington are still meeting with success in and around London.

Russell Brandow, formerly of the sketch team of Brandow and Wiley, is working alone. He is at present on the Moss and Stoll tour.

Frank and Etta Clermont write that they had a great opening at Glasgow, Scotland, with Henderson Smith's "Black Hussars."

David J. Banks, better known as "Rastus," of Rastus and Banks, writes from Glasgow, Scotland, that they are getting along nicely and after playing three weeks more in the land of Scot they will return to London, England, where they are booked to appear at the Empire Theater, Holborn, commencing Christmas week. They send regards to all.

Pete Hampton and wife closed with Douglass and Garland's "A Trip to Coontown" act during their engagement at Glasgow, Scotland. Besides Fred Douglass and Will Garland they have a bunch of eighteen people and are meeting with fairly good success. They are now playing in Hamburg and have ten weeks' booking in Germany, after which they will appear at the Palace, London.

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David and Carrie Brinkley, America's neatest colored entertainers, have joined Hill's Black Arts Company.

—Garfield T. Haywood.

DEATH OF FLORA BATSON

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE)

casion that Sisseretta Jones, billed as Black Patti, made her American reputation that carried her fame the world over. This event unsettled Mr. Bergen somewhat, for he afterward billed his wife as the "Real Patti," causing confusion at times, even to the last newspaper reports of Flora's death.

About this period Mr. Bergen had secured a house in Philadelphia and moved from Providence to that city, taking Flora's mother with them. In later years, when Mr. Bergen's health began to fail, it developed that Mr. Bergen had not purchased the property, but only leased it, and with the rest of Flora's earnings had given his son a college education. But Mr. Bergen's error was not altogether intentional; in his anxiety to build up his son, he had taken chances which he intended to make good in later concert ventures, but alas! his health had failed him and he found himself and family without a home. For a while he went to the Soldiers' Home to recuperate, but all in vain; he returned to his wife, whose love had chilled, to be forgiven and die. If Flora had listened to her mother in the zenith of her career there might have been a different story. Her one financial error was the chief cause of her great anxiety, love and devotion for her mother in her declining years. She had even persuaded her mother to return to Providence, but her mother would not do so, having formed new friends in Philadelphia. After Mr. Bergen's death Miss Batson continued her professional work under a manager, who, unfortunately, was not popular with the people. Many of his concerts failed and his next project was to induce her to join a combination company. The two joined "South Before the War," giving scenes from Il Trovatore. The next season went to Australia as the star of the McAdoo Concert Company and met with great favor, but Manaager McAdoo died and she returned home and opened again in concert at Saratoga and toured New England. When she appeared in Boston she wore an Australian diamond ring valued at $500, but later had to pawn it for $200 in the West to bring the members of a stranded company, in which she was a star member, home, and her ring was never redeemed. Her last important theatrical engagement was at the New Pekin Theater, Chicago, the first legitimate colored theater of America, owned by Robert T. Mott. Her final appearance on the stage was at a concert given at Bethel A. M. E. church, Philadelphia, Pa., Thanksgiving evening, November 29, 1906. Her popularity had never waned; the house was crowded and many people had remarked that she sang better than they had heard her for years. She was singing her last earthly song, as she died the following Saturday. One particular feature of the concert was "The Last Rose of Summer," in which she distributed roses to six flower girls dressed in white, who were later present at her funeral.

As a singer Flora Batson had a voice equally as melodious as any living woman, especially in the baritone, or alto, and medium register, but her voice had lost some of its power and sweetness after her return rfom Australia. It was in her highest notes that she failed to qualify in power only. It was in this power of high execution that Sisseretta Jones (Black Patti) excelled her. This Miss Batson cheerfully admitted. But there are many other colored critics who stubbornly contend that Miss Batson was the greatest singer, but she was excelled by Selika, of superior education of course, and by Black Patti, who later eclipsed them all. Miss Batson was a mezzo soprano, and the greatest in that class, approached only by Madam Flower, the bronze Melba.

Miss Batson's first reputation was made as a ballad singer. "Polly, the Cows Are In the Corn," and "Six Feet of Earth" were her masterpieces.

Funeral at High Noon.

The funeral of Flora Batson took place at Big Bethel A. M. E. church, Sixth and Pine streets, Philadelphia, Pa., Wednesday noon, December 5, 1906. The sun was at its height, the great stained glass windows sent their shadowy rays over the day and the little round window at the top, which was open for ventilation, reflected a radiance from the sky which kissed the stained glass shadows with heaven's rebellious light. The body lay in state in the church from 10 a. m. till noon. The people began to assemble at that hour and by 11:30 fully 3,000 people had viewed the remains. It was exactly seventeen minutes past 12 o'clock when Prof. Clark's soft, solemn dirge that pealed forth from the massive organ, (which faced the congregation), foretold the coming of the funeral party, after which the doors were closed and people were turned away. The church was packed and people were standing in every available place. The casket, which was of steel purple plush, with heavy silver handles, and lined with white snowflake satin, was open full length, and the side of the casket facing the audience was also dropped open, showing a full view of the corpse; there our Flora lay as if sleeping, her face half turned to the audience showed that she hda seen many days of sorrow and that death came as a heaven-granted relief from the burden of her earthly toils. Her shroud was all white, a delicate silk crinoline waist and a plain dress, as worn in real life. Above her head a square pillow of flowers was projected and at her feet stood a pedestal containing a white dove, with lilies and white flowers beneath. Rev. Dr. Frickland, pastor of the church, then introduced Rev. D. W. Morris, who gave out the opening hymn. Prayer was then offered by Rev. D. W. Nichols, after which a sacred solo, "Now the Day Is Over," was pathetically rendered by Miss Florrie Lewis, Philadelphia's rising young soprano. Presiding Elder T. M. Webster then read from the Scripture, as did also Rev. J. M. Green. Prof. Winnington then sang "Flee as a Bird," after which Rev. Dr. Frickland took for his text, "And they sang as it were a new song," found in Revelations, 14th chapter and 3rd verse, which was well fitted to the occasion. After the sermon the choir chanted "O, Death, Where is Thy Sting; O, Grave, Where is Thy Victory?" which found many mourners within the edifice. Here Rev. Dr. Finley was introduced and spoke in short but masterly eloquence of the famous singers' emissary from earthly song to join the heavenly choir. Dr. Brooks and Dr. Parks also spoke. Some of the ludadations from ministers was that Miss Batson was a woman of great character, courage and Christianity. The chorus of six little girls dressed in white, who took part in Miss Batson's concert Thanksgiving night, next appeared and sang over the dead singer and strewed flowers on her body. Many resolutions from churches and musical societies were read. As the congregation was viewing the corpse the choir sang "When the Gates Unfold." The most touching scene was when Mrs. Reed, mother of the singer, was brought forth to view the corpse. There was a dearth of silence, which broke into mourning as the aged mother was slowly led away. Then Miss Batson's manager came forth and knelt down beside the body, but was led away, sobbing quietly. He had lost a friend whom he will always miss. During this period Prof. Clark symponically played "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," which the audience took up in soft refrain as the body of the famous queen of song was rolled out to be carried away to a place of rest, from whence she will never return.

It will be much regretted by friends of Flora Batson at Providence, R. I., that the body could not have been sent there after the funeral to be viewed and buried in that city.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL,

At the Gayety Theater.

Weber and Rush's "Dainty Duchess," "right in the swim," billed to appear for three days, commencing Monday, December 17, will not be found lacking in any of the elements calculated to please the patrons of the Gayety. Two burlesques are promised, which border very nigh on the musical comedies of the first-class theaters, being devoid of all horse play, as it were, and chock full of catchy music and bright, clean, up-to-date comedy. The very titles are an index to the funny situations they possess. "Chilly Con Carnie" will start the ball of rampant fun rolling at a lively rate, with an olio composed of vaudeville's best acts.

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Bob Manchester's Cracker Jacks, with a carload of novelties, will be seen the latter half of next week. The Cracker Jacks have a reputation at stake and consequently the eight years of its existence have strengthened instead of weakened it, and in point of number,, talent, beautiful wardrobe, scenery and electrical effects it is head and shoulders above any season. Twenty-two beautiful girls are in the cast and make merry in all that is rich in song, dance and poses plastique, and introduces the Model Venus, Ruby Leoni, in a prominent character. The comedians are a revelation and are headed by Bob Van Osten, the "man with the duck nose," a laughmaker who is different from the rest and original to a degree. He is ably seconded by Warner and Eckel, two gentlemen from Verona. The curtain rises on a great first part, novel, original and unique, entitled "A Society Whirl," and serves to introduce songs, duets, trios, quartets—all the latest hits—and all are given amply opportunity to show themselves. And in the olio the specialties are all to the front.

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For years I have cherished a desire to visit The Freeman office. Not that I thought I would find anything therein that is not usually found in a printing office. No. It was, firstly, because I had entertained "Woodbine" at Louisville in earlier days, and secondly, to see for myself how so much talent and brain could be concentrated in any one certain building on Indiana avenue.

It was with a bounding heart that I turned the knob and entered the place where public opinion is moulded and had not "Woodbine" appeared to remember he was expected to take dinner with a family who had named their most recent baby after him, I probably would have spent the remainder of the day there.

Geo. L. Knox, E. C. Knox, Dorothy (Daneva Donnell), G. T. Haywood, George W. Cable, Chas. Marshall, Wm. Lewis and a pale pink office and a bronze lady (statute), who is forever handing you pink roses, form a combination hard to break away from. Before going up to see The Freeman staff and the bronze lady, John D. Howard gave me the tip that I was about to enter one print shop wherein the "Growler" was non personia gratia, or something like that—I really forget just what Howard did say. After I had seen one of the largest and best collections of pictures of the theatrical profession that it has been my good fortune to behold, we were permitted to take a further view of this pale pink studio—I remarked before it is a pale pink, the kind of pale pink that won't come off and stays right with you. The furniture is the sort of mahogany that doesn't peel off, and the pictures are extremely Venetian in coloring and are sunk in shadowy frames.

At a desk we found Cable, who was driving away on an article on "Don't Use Hair Straightener." He smiled and permitted us to pass on, while he continued writing something about sterilized combs and brushes. At another desk we found Haywood, who had before him the pictures of three truly great men—Roosevelt, B. T. Washington and Bob A. Kelley. His expression showed plainly that he was in a quandary as to which of these great personages to give the preference for a double-column cut for the next issue.

The desk of the redoubtable R. W. Thompson was vacant, save for a speaking likeness of the aforesaid R. W. T., which pictured him on one of his "Short Flights," writing on ten subjects at once, and incidentally entertaining three different factions of a local political club, all of whom were urging him to accept the chairmanship of their respective wings of the g. o. p.

Talk about a busy woman, you ought to see "Dorothy." Marion Harland, Dorothy Dix, Mrs. John A. Logan, Beatrice Fairfax and Bertha M. Clay, with "efforts combined," can not equal this diversified writer!

Hon. Geo. L. Knox, that velvet-tongued, silver-lipped spellbinder, seemed perfectly at home and directed affairs in that gentle, yet firm, manner so productive of success.

Then there was Elwood C. Knox—the irrepressible Elwood! Somehow I have always been anxious to meet "Woodie," and, between you and me, and that pale pink studio, I told him so. You see, out in the land of sunflowers, jimson weed and sage brush where I came from, the big girls cut Elwood's picture out of the holiday number of The Freeman each year and frame them in rosemary, for remembrance. I asked him if he did not score pretty heavily in the matter of mash notes, but he told me flat-footed that he never received any tender missives, and I wondered how he drew such a big salary. But the stenographer showed me stacks of them, neatly sorted, bubber-banded and labeled "Blondes," "Brunettes," "Actresses" and "Fair to Middling." Before leaving to make our matinee I formed the opinion that I liked The Freeman office (don't forget the pale pink studio) and its people. They are so optimistic, so I am going back when we play a return date in Indianapolis. The Freeman office and that pale pink studio makes you feel young.

NAGOL MOT.

Smart Set.

From the Pen of S. H. Dudley.

I have never felt so proud of being a colored man as Friday afternoon, November 23, 1906, when it was my pleasure to sit in the only recognized Negro theater in the world, the Pekin, and witness a professional matinee given by the Pekin Stock Company for the Smart Set and "Abyssinia" Companies. The Pekin is owned by Robert Mott. The stock company is colored and all plays are written, staged and produced by Negroes. Ed. Green is responsible for the plays and deserves much credit for his ability as a producer and stager. Will Marion Cook and Joe Jordan write the music for the shows. The ability of these artists is widely known and their work is of the first water. The Pekin Stock Company includes such talented artists as Harrison Stewart, Abbie Mitchell, Jerry Mills, Lawrence Chanault, Leona Marshall and others who possess much ability, but are not so well known. It will be a long time before such a galaxy of the best Negro talent of the world will be assembled under the same roof again. Nearly all of the Smart Set and "Abyssinia" Companies attended, and such artists as Jesse Ship, Chas. Moore, Alex. Rogers, Tim Brymm, Joe Vaughn, Wm. Elkins, Ada Overton, Lottie Williams, Marion Smart, George Walker and Bert Williams. Mr. Williams occupied the same box as myself. That was bad enough, but when the usher seated him directly behind me I knew I was in for it. Bert Williams is a big man, with a laugh every inch as big as himself, and "The Man from Georgia," the play presented, gave him many chances to get his laugh into action, and it never missed fire once, every explosion striking me in the back of the neck and rocking my head like a Gans upper-cut. Have you ever heard Bert Williams laugh? No? Well, don't never sit in front of him when he is enjoying a show. I did it and couldn't hear anything but Williams and his Mt. Peelee laugh. It attracted so much attention that I was compelled to let go a couple of my "high C" laughs just to let the audience know I wasn't responsible for the disturbance. But to get back to the play. "My Friend from Georgia" is a bright, entertaining piece—the right show in the right place. The cast, headed by Harrison Stewart, is thoroughly capable and competent. The Pekin orchestra deserves special mention. There are no better theater orchestras in the country and Joe Jordan is an efficient leader. From the time Mr. Cook shot himself into the orchestra, grabbed his baton and the curtain raised to the sweet melody of the opening chorus until the fall of the curtain on the final act there was not a dull moment. The entertainment was a revelation and shows just what Negroes can and must do in the near future. The Pekin is patronized by the colored and white elite of Chicago and its popularity is on the increase. Mr. Mott is the pioneer. Nothing comes too good for the Pekin. Let us hope that in the near future every city will have its Pekin. We all wish the Pekin continued success.

Marion Smart, now Mrs. Moore, gave the members of the Smart Set a most agreeable surprise when she came behind the scenes Thursday evening at the Academy. Marion was always a great favorite and all were delighted to see her again. She has lost none of her charming personality and she greeted all with that same sweet smile that made her a footlight favorite. Come again, Marion.

Mrs. Dudley's reputation as an exceedingly charming hostess is spreading. Maggie Davis, Ida Day and Mr. Harry Hill were the last recipients of her hospitality. We hope Mr. Hill will visit Mrs. Dudley again and dine if it leaves him in such good humor. I. O. U.'s were issued without a murmur of protest for two days.

Jube Johnson is one of the oldest and liveliest members of the company. He possesses a clear musical tenor, which age does not seem to affect.

Miss Salina Baynard, age sixteen months, the youngest and cutest member of the company, contracted a heavy cold and is severely ill.

Sarah Venable is winning many laurels with her impersonation of Clo Speedy and her rendition of "Lady Lindy."

Nashville Students.

Business is good.

Whit Viney is proving himself a great character man.

Paul Carter is with Lowery & Sweeney's Nashville Students.

P. G. Lowery's concert band is with C. H. Sweeney's Nashville Students.

P. G. Lowery's band is above its usual standard. He is carrying twenty pieces.

Misses Ottie Brantford Nettie Mosbey, formerly of Indianapolis, are with the company.

Billy Arnte, principal comedian with Lowery & Sweeney's Nashville Students, is proving himself a box office winner. He wishes to be remembered to all friends in the profession.

Miss Sallie N. Lee, the leading lady with the Nashville Students, gave a banquet on her birthday, November 26. After the bountiful refreshments were served the company surprised Miss Lee by presenting her with appropriate presents from each member of the company. This event is one long to be remembered.

Famous Honolulu Minstrels.

The company send regards to A. G. Akin Minstrels.

Prof. W. Timmons' twelve-piece band is furnishing very nice music.

The company send regards to A. G. Allen Minstrels, also Nichols Amusement Co. Would like to hear from Will Butler.

Mr. Jacob is singing "Moving Day" with great success and cleaning up with his rough and tumble dance.

King Rasters is making a hit singing "Hannah Lize," and winning applause with his buck and wing dancing.

Chas. Smith, our famous baritone soloist, never fails to please the audience singing "When the Green Leaves Turn to Gold."

The company is playing to good business. S. T. Dunmore, our famous comedian, is sending them out screaming with his new monologue. He is also singing "I Will Be Back in a Minute, But I've Got to Go Now."

Our twelve-piece band is furnishing good music. Following are the members: A. C. Frilot, cornet; H. Collom, clarionet; John Alfor, clarionet; T. Staton, baritone; W. Staton, trombone; H. W. Wallburg, trombone; Sam Satwell, tuba; King Rasters, alto; James Wallburg, snare drum; Jacob Ward, bass drum.

Frank Mahara's Minstrels.

The Clarks—Leah and Quallie—joined us November 25 and Mr. Clark has the band, a position made vacant by Jeff Smith, who was called home on account of the illness of his mother. We have a neat show, from the parade to the stage, and our olio is ranked among the best.

James Harris, hoop controller; Bland and Frye, in their beautiful Zulu act, "A Dream of Dahomey;" Emmett Latty, monologue artist; Shaw and Clifton, the society fashion plates, singers and dancers; the Clarks, in their rapid-fire talking act; the versatile Jones; Harris, the trombone virtuoso; the Verna quartette, under the special supervision of Arthur Moss, is progressing finely; John Pamplin mystifies them as of old, and the managers are asking for return engagements all along the line. E. J. Elliott is also numbered among our new recruits.

George Smith, our trap drummer, was very unfortunate in having his fingers almost amputated.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris will be sorry to hear that the latter is very sick. Mr. Harhas been called to her bedside.

"Rufus Rastus" Minstrels.

Oscar Rollins, as a mirth-provoking comedian, is still keeping them laughing.

Drake, the contortionist, as usual is doing his high-class work to deafening applause.

Moody and James in their comedy sketch, "On the Road," are the mirth producers who fairly make the house shake.

The Stranders—Mr. Alfred and wife—in their rendition of "My Dahomen Queen," in costume, are carrying the public by storm.

Layton, the peerless slack wire walker, stands alone in his profession and his wonderful double return shot with a rifle while on the wire has never been equaled.

Al. Edwards, the peerless bass soloist, is taking a nightly encore in his rendition of "Asleep in the Deep," as is also Mrs. Bertha Stone in her rendition of "Just Plain Folks.'

The brass band is under the able direction of Mr. Harry St. Clair of Kansas City. The orchestra is under the direction of the all-round cornetist and clarionetist, A. L. Jones.

Exchange Theater, Jacksonville, Fla.

McNeal and McNeal also deserve special mention as comedy creators.

Henderson and Washington is still keeping in line with their high-class singing and talking act.

Mr. Henderson, as a comedian, is fast gaining friends in the Queen City of Florida, while Miss Washington easily wins the hearts of the theater-going public as a singer and soubrette of the highest class.

Mr. William H. Henderson, of the team of Henderson and Washington, will wed his partner, Miss Beulah Washington, on Sunday evening, December 9th, at the Lincoln Park, Jacksonville, Fla. It will be one of the grandest weddings that has ever taken place before a public audience and some of the leading residents of the city will attend. Prof. J. M. Robinson, Jr., will look after the affair and invites all of the profession, in or around Jacksonville. Mr. Henderson is a resident of New Orleans, La., but was born in Atlanta, Ga. Miss Washington was born and reared in New Orleans, La. They send regards to all friends.

Musings of Harry Fidler.

Well, I am informed that the Richard & Pringle show is now furnishing the boys with uniforms free. This is as it should be, and no doubt will be the cause of quite a few of those who have deserted the minstrel field returning to the fold. We were regretting the report of Prof. James Lacy's death, but The Freeman showed us the mistake, and we find it was the company's dog that died! I feel much better now, as we can get plenty of dogs, but where, oh, where, under the blue canopy of heaven, can we find another dear, good, Jim Lacy? Am doing fair to middling, and trust that the minstrel walking gents are walking fast enough to keep the trombone players from stepping on their heels. To all friends I say "May you be happy, happy, happy!" FID.

If Gans Wins.

If Joe Gans, the champion lightweight pugilist of the world; defeats Kid Herman New Year's day at Tonopah, Nev., he has been engaged for the remainder of the season with Miner's "Bohemians," commencing January 7, at a salary of $1,000 per week. Gans closed his engagement with Miner last week at Baltimore and has gone to San Francisco to prepare for the fight and look after his share of the receipts of the Gans-Nelson pictures. Gans has been a drawing card extraordinary for Miner's show. At Minneapolis the weekly receipts were $5,243.

A NEW PLAY.

Mr. S. A. Coleman of 2832 State street, Chicago, Ill., formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., has written an excellent play, which has just been copyrighted. He has made a study of art for twenty-five years, and has now ready for the public a beautiful drama entitled "The Gates of Bliss."

It tells the story of the hardships of the Negro, as an artist. The play ispure and clean. It shows the true and noble spirit of a wife that worked side by side to help the artist climb the ladder of fame. It is also a true type of the struggles of the race from Emancipation to the present day.

GREAT PARKER CARNIVAL COMPANY.

Dallas Hagley, Sam Henderson, Charlie Barnett, Edward Lewis Addie Jones, Willie Johnson, William Moore (Torpedo), Rosa Scott (Topsy), send regards to all friends. While playing Selma, Ala., we had the pleasure of visiting Millican's Minstrels. William Moore joined us there after closing a successful season with P. J. Mundy's shows. We are playing good houses and giving general satisfaction.

BABY DUDLEY'S TWO PAPAS.

S. H. Dudley, Jr., aged two years, is certainly a chip of the old block. He possesses all the energy and enthusiasm of his father and, incidentally, a little of his temper. Little Sherman is always intensely interested in everything about the show, and above all he loves to see his father make up. The other evening Mr. Dudley was making up and little Sherman was sitting on the trunk, an interested spectator. "What are you thinking about?" asked Mr. Dudley of little Sherman. "About my two papas," he promptly answered. "Your two papas? What do you mean?" He had finished blacking up by this time. "Yes, I've got two papas. Now you'se my 'black papa,' and when you wash your face you'se my 'pretty papa.'' I like my black papa best because he loves me best." During the performance Mr. Dudley holds him in his arms most of the time when not on the stage, but during the day Mr. Dudley is a busy man and little Sherman sees little of his "pretty papa." Consequently he likes his black papa best.

WHITNEY.

THE TOO TALKATIVE MATINEE GIRL.

"It is a good thing there are enough of the typical 'matineee girls' to fill the theaters on Saturday afternoons," said the man in the box office, "otherwise there would be a good many vacant seats. Gradually the prejudice against the 'matinee girl' crowd is going.

"'Give me a ticket for any performance except Saturday afternoon,' is the request that we hear more and more frequently. The jabbering and the giggling that seem to be an inevitable part of a Saturday afternoon performance mar the pleasure of the earnest theatergoer.

"'The trouble is,' said one woman who is a good judge of plays and actors, 'that the Saturday matinee folks laugh, cry and applaud in the wrong places. There is one strong play on the boards now that illustrates this tendency perfectly. From the beginning the "girls" of all ages who are not familiar with the story of the play make bets with each other as to which girl the vacillating hero will marry, and all allusions to the plight of the apparently forsaken sweetheart call forth an explosion of giggles, especially from the top balcony. At no other performance do the vital points in serious plays miss the mark.'"

Death of Flora Batson.

Flora Batson, well known on the concert stage, died suddenly in Philadelphia December 2, of inaemia. She had acquired considerable reputation as a singer, not only in this country, but in Europe. When quite young she sang for Queen Victoria, who, with her own hand, presented her with a silk union jack. Her majesty, after the young girl had sung "The Last Rose of Summer," said: "My child, you are truly a graduate of that institution presided over by Almighty God and from which hive no drone has ever issued. God bless you in your sweet mission of song." Miss Batson sang also for Pope Leo, the Czar of Russia and at the Italian and German courts. She was born in Australia, but came to the United States when a child, living in Providence, R. I., with her parents. On Thanksgiving evening she appeared at a concert in a local church. Today she visited relatives and on returning home was seized with convulsions and died two hours later.

WITH ROBBINS BROTHERS' SHOWS.

Ed. Wood, tuba, sends regards to Boots Stevens.

John W. White, drummer, sends regards to friends.

Chas. A. Birch is holding his own on baritone. He sends regards to friends.

G. H. Booth, first alto, has been very sick for the past week, but he is recovering.

Lunford Davis, G. H. Booth and H. L. Rawles met Prof R. S. Penn, who is a school teacher, who entertained them very highly.

William H. Mayfield, cornetist, sends regards to Boots Stevens and Walter Buster; H. L. Rawles to P. G. Lowery and Sallie Lee, G. G. Smith, H. Clark and all friends, and would like to hear from all friends.

Lunford Davis and his band are now with this circus. Frank A. Robbins, Jr., and Charles Robbins, our managers, are meeting good success in the South; also Frank J. Murphy, the side show manager, is doing good business and is one of the best.

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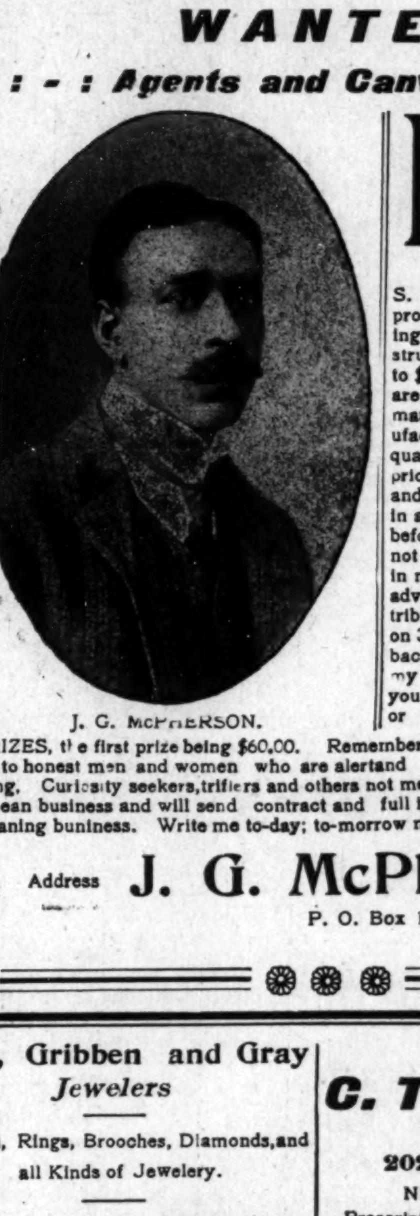

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Darts From a Bow

BY CHARLES MARSHALL.

Have you finished reading the President's message yet?

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Speaking of old-fashioned things, what has become of the corne pone?

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A drug clerk as surely becomes "Doc" as a lawyer becomes "judge."

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A fellow can have very little heart for women and song when he is real hungry.

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You are very likely to be satisfied when you do anything you want done yourself.

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A great many times the man who says he will pay you Saturday if he lives, dies.

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Never walk down the street with a young girl if you haven't a cent of money on your person.

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There are many married men who see no harm in flirting, but deem it an outrage for married women to flirt.

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Kentucky oysters are all right and, according to the way people like them they can be called Indiana, Ohio or Illinois oysters.

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It would be a very pleasant thing if a woman would make up her mind just what she wanted to purchase before entering a store.

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A good way to cut out that worrisome conversation is to tell your barber that you are in a great hurry before you get in his chair.

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A man will have very little to say to you when he is thinking of something more important than what you are talking to him about—but a woman can.

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Most men have many sides to their lives and a great many of those sides are scarlet and sooner or later the newspapers tell you about them.

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The way in which some folks close doors at this time of year would cause one to imagine that they had curtains instead of diors in their homes.

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There is not a man of the other race who feels himself any greater than some men who are able to smoke a good cigar on some big street corner.

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No woman has any right to despair because her hair is not as good as some others of her sex. If she has hair but little it only takes pride to have it look suitable.

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The "dear husband" will save a great deal of trouble with "dear wifey" if he will only think to wipe his feet outside the door before entering the house.

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There are three different times that a woman changes her tone of voice, and that may be when she is at a reception; answering the telephone, and in the kitchen.

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"Mammy, do molasses evah cure sickness?" asked little Buddy Jones as he came into the kitchen just as his mother was turning a corn cake on a hot griddle.

"Not dat I knows of," she replied. "What you askin' me dat fer?"

"Des' 'cause," answered the little fellow, "if it does, I'se sho' are gwine ter git sick."

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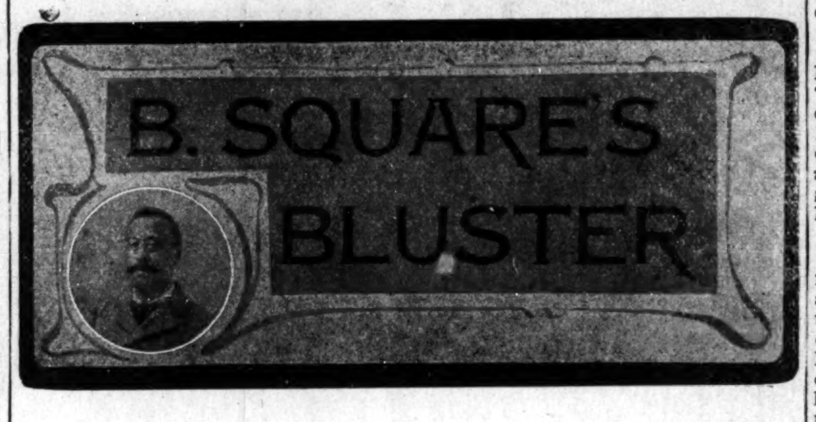

Ten years from hence who will be able to tell, on a minute's notice who was the great President of the United States November 7th, 1906?

Who can predict where the Afro-American voter will stand ten years hence?

Suppose the decision of the President of the United States to disarm, in disgrace, over a half of a regiment of Afro-American troops—guilty or not guilty—had been given to the public press ten days before November 6th, what would have been the political results in the States of New York, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana?

Suppose there had been no Afro-American troops at the battle of San Juan Hill, Cuba, who would be President of the United States today?

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Graves are a deathly subject—the John Temple brand not excepted.

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The New York World is second only to the Brooklyn Eagle in the line of progressive, fearless and fair-minded Democratic newspapers in the country. In a recent number of the New York World we find the following clipping, under the World's head lines:

A SOUTHERN SPASM.
(From the Nashville American.)

These nigger-loving Yankees are sending all sorts of protests to Washington against the discharge of the Negro soldiers who rioted and murdered about Brownsville, Tex., last August.

Their dismissal is the most praiseworthy thing the President has done. He dismissed them "without honor." The latter they htemselves got rid of. Their honor? The idea of a lot of soldiers killing the citizens of their own country!

But the Negro is the hound dog of humanity. When he finds he has the power over women or men he uses it. A whole pack of hounds will jump on one little fice when not one in the pack would attack it singly.

Several of this Twenty-fifth Regiment were in jail under the charge of murder of the citizens of Brownsville they shot down. The Colonel had orders from Washington to discharge them from jail and from the army without honor. They should have been discharged without their heads.

The above shows that the South does not mould the acts and opinions of the progressive North, and a few years hence this will be in truth, besides name, a country "of the people, for the people, by the people."

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If the Afro-Americans would hang together they would not hang separately. This is not original, but is a moss-covered chestnut, old as the hills. Still, it is true.

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If the Afro-Americans would "hang together," as Uncle Noah Baxter would say, they would amount to more than shucks or peanut shells; they would be a financial power among themselves; a business power among themselves, and a political power in the United States. They will be—"not yet, but soon."

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Those who run let them read: "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform," and—history repeats itself.

B. SQUARE.

THE EDITOR'S DESK.

We shall have something to put Congress to doing early in the New Year.

Senator Beveridge has seen the great light that shines for tariff revision and has hearkened thereunto.

The white politician must learn to take counsel from persons nearest the race, from men of influence, and not from the would-be leaders with no following.

Let us have a few more healthy "dissenters" on the Supreme Bench of the United States to counteract the baleful influence of the States' rights fetich worsuipers.

Chautauqua management or teachers, association care to pay real money to hear Tillman belch out a lot of vulgar billingsgate on the race question, when nothing he can say is either illuminating or informing?

The Negro people throughout the land rejoice in the probable recovery of Bishop C. B. Galloway. We have such a few staunch friends at court in the South as this distinguished prelate has shown himself to be, that we cannot afford to lose him at this critical period in our progress.

While we lay so much stress upon the three war amendments, let it not be forgotten that the sixth amendment, providing for an impartial trial by jury for every person accused of crime is of immense value to our people, especially in the South. Its enforcement should be rigidly insisted upon.

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle charges that the North is afflicted with "Negrophititis." Even so, that is a decided improvement over the "Negrophobia," from which the South has been suffering since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

It is up to the Legal Bureau of the National Afro-American Council to "get busy" on the case of the discharged soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. The Brownsville incident can not be closed until it is closed along the lines of justice. Let the guilty be punished, according to the law, but the innocent must go free.

The claim is made that tne smallest man in the world died a few days ago at Wilkesbarre, Pa. Surveying the make-up of several conspicuously diminutive men in and about Boston, Baltimore, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland and Indianapolis, however, we are inclined to doubt the story.

The failure of Luke Wright as Governor-General of the Philippines ought to have been sufficient to show any republican administration that a Southern man can not be trusted with the handling of any situation where the likes and dislikes of dark-skinned peoples are concerned. Wright and Garlington are as much alike as peas from the same pod.

The "jim crow" cars of the South are on trial for their life. Unless equal accommodations are furnished for the same fare, the Interstate Commerce Commission will take hold of the matter, by warrant of the provision of the rate bill, forbidding discriminations against interstate passengers of any race. The Afro-American Council will keep its eye on the developments in this matter.

St. Louis.

Since the World's Fa i,rtwo years ago, St. Louis has had a wide spread of popularity. Her commercial interests have doubled and other branches of civilization continue to show marked improvement. Se"ton's music house has proven of great value and is patronized beyond former expectations, besides Mr. Sexton has taken up the bassoon and is making rapid success playing in Blue's concert band, which has become a refined musical organization in the mind of every citizen. Blue's famous march, just published and dedicated to Booker T. Washington, has met a favorable sale and every school girl and boy hums and whistles its beautiful strains. Wm. Blue as a musician is a true and constant worker and seems never to tire, but is alive with force and wields his influence toward the upbuilding of every musician. His musical articles in the different papers here, and his compositions, are causing much comment, not to mention his ability as a director, who moves his audience at every performance to thunderous applause by rendering such numbers as "Faust," "Lohengrin," "Il Trovatore," "McBeth" and "William Tell."

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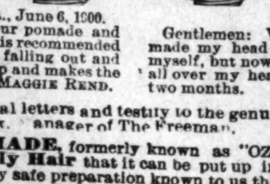

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NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notined of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 15th day of Feb, 1907, the same being the ninth judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February 1907, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence. Wm E. Davis, Clerk.

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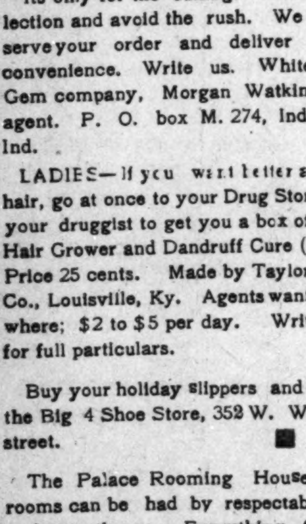

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21 lbs. *Best Granulated Sugar with each One Dollar Purchase Groceries*	$1.00				
9 bars Gloss Soap	25c	8 pkg. White Line Washing Powder	25c	4 qts. Best New Navy Beans	25c
Best new Seeded Raisins, pkg	10c	New recleaned currants, pkg.	10c	Best new California Figs, package	5c
3 lbs. Best Lump Starch	10c	6 lbs, Best New Cornmeal,	10c	3 cans Eagle Lye	10c
Best New Persian Dates, pound,	7c	Best new Mixed Nuts, pound	15c	Best Pure Stick Candy, lb.	7½
25 lb. bag Progress Brand Flour	50c	8 lbs. Best New Buckwheat Flour,	25c	3 pkgs. Virg, Sweet Pancake Flour	25c
Fancy Sweet Sugar Corn, can	6c	Best fancy Maine Sugar Corn	10c	None-Such Mincemeat, pkg,	8⅓
3 pkgs, Mother's Rolled Oats	25c	2 pkgs, New Toy Rolled Oats	15c	Best extra sifted June Peas, can,	10c
Fancy New California Prunes, lb	5c	Fancy Sweet or Sour Pickles, doz,	5c	3 pkg, Egg-o-See or Malta Vita,	25c

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